

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Kansas State School for the Deaf, the oldest state educational institution, was founded by Philip A. Emery in Baldwin City, Kansas in 1861 and welcomed its first student in December of that year. A year after its inception, the first Kansas legislation was passed to aid the State School for the Deaf through funds in 1862 for the “purpose of assisting Professor P.A. Emery”; and

WHEREAS, The school is currently located in Olathe, Kansas and has grown to be a large center school for deaf children. Well known for its academic excellence in pre-college preparation and its career and transition program, the Kansas State School for the Deaf contributes wonderfully to the bright future of Kansas. Additionally, the school boasts a winning tradition in athletics as the National Deaf Champions in football, basketball, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas State School for the Deaf is a society, community, and school in which hearing acuteness is inconsequential, barriers are reduced, and the capacity of human potential is maximized to ensure sole judgment based on ones contributions and character; and

WHEREAS, The rich heritage and tradition of the school produces remarkable Kansans with visions for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas State School for the Deaf will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of their institute on September 24, 2011. On this date, the Kansas State School for the Deaf will celebrate by having a sesquicentennial gala. During the course of this celebration, a play will be performed depicting the history of the school, alumni will be honored, and a meal will be served, honoring the traditions and heritage of the Kansas State School for the Deaf:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 24 of 2011, as

*Kansas State School for the Deaf Day*

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance as this year marks the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Kansas State School for the Deaf.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 23<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, A.D. 2011

BY THE GOVERNOR: Sam Brownback